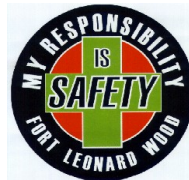




Safety Alert 05-02

Cow on Polla Road



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All personnel must be made aware of the hazard posed by a full-grown cow that has been observed alongside Polla Road.

A common hazard to drivers in rural areas of Missouri is wild animals that enter the roadway. Most drivers who have been in the area any length of time are aware of the dangers of deer that frequently decide to cross the road immediately in front of a vehicle. Hitting a large animal such as a deer can be very destructive to a vehicle and can even be fatal to the person or persons in the vehicle.

However, even more dangerous than hitting a deer would be hitting a large, full-grown cow. This is the hazard that has recently been observed by drivers using the new Polla Road, coming and going through Fort Leonard Wood's Wagoner Gate (sometimes still referred to as the West Gate). A large, black cow has been seen grazing beside Polla Road. Hitting this animal with a vehicle, traveling at 45 MPH or more, would likely result in a totaled vehicle and potentially would result in serious or even fatal injuries to the driver and passengers.

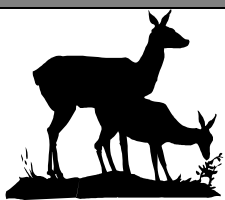
Making this hazard even more serious is the fact that this is a black cow, making it very difficult to see during hours of darkness.

All drivers must be alert to this hazard and to the hazards of other animals that frequently cross highways and roads in rural areas of Missouri. Adjust your speed for the potential hazard. Watch the road ahead of you carefully, and be ready to stop if you see an animal in the road. If you see one near the road, slow down and proceed with caution, realizing that the animal may suddenly walk or jump into the road directly in front of you. Keep in mind that animals do not recognize the danger of walking or jumping in front of a moving vehicle and may do exactly that.

And always make sure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt or approved and properly installed child car safety seat.

If you observe a domestic animal beside any highway or road in Missouri, don't just drive by. Make an effort to notify someone - a nearby farmer, the Missouri Highway Patrol, or a local sheriff. They can then make sure that the animal is removed from the vicinity of the road, so that another driver won't hit it.

Be alert! Be careful! Be a good citizen! Protect yourself and others!



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